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**Importance:** High

These are my updates. I also made 2 corrections to Kate's email below.

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All-

Here is my quick take on talking points for Cosmo to discuss with Shawn. Please suggest, changes, clarification etc.

In addition, I would like to provide an updated issue paper to Cosmo. The one that I have from December is out of date, I have attached it. Can someone in Jim's group update? Also, it needs to be consolidated to one page. We will need by COB today. Thank you. Kate

Talking points for Cosmo on Mountaire:

- Region III is concerned at the recent elevated in levels of nitrates in drinking wells around the Mountaire Farm in Sussex County that were identified in a DNREC NOV in November.
- Region III has an existing 1431 EPA Emergency Order on Consent in place for 7 residences around Mountaire that dates back to 2003.
- Recent sampling has identified an addition 40-60 residences in the vicinity of the farm that may be impacted by ongoing nitrate pollution from wastewater spraying operations.
- Earlier this month, Mountaire announced that they were offering to assist 88 homeowners around the facility with alternative water sources (deeper wells, treatment or hook up to public water).

## Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

- In speaking with your staff, we understand that the NOV has been referred to the Attorney General for action.
- What is DNREC planning to take and what is the timeframe.

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- We have a tentative meeting scheduled the week of January 29 with your staff to discuss options and plan a way forward.
- We want to work with you to resolve this issue.

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